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SECRETARY HABIB

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1. U.N. SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR GORGE CALLED AUGUST 14
TO REPORT HIS AND U.N. SPECIAL REP DE CUELLAR'S CONCERN
ABOUT POSSIBLE U.S. MISUNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT SITUATION
ON CYPRUS TALKS. GREEK CYPRIOTS IN NICOSIA ARE SAYING
THAT UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TOLD GOC THAT DE CUELLAR
WILL RESUME POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN SEPTEMBER IN
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NICOSIA AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN FORMAL INTERCOMMUNAL

TALKS. FURTHER HABIB WAS CITED AS SAYING
UNSYG WALDHEIM WILL MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS SOON.
UN OFFICIALS IN NICOSIA ARE TROUBLED ABOUT THIS
REPORT BECAUSE IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN THAT EVEN
HUMANITARIAN TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. CURRENT STATUS, GORGE SAID, IS THAT IF AND WHEN
HUMANITARIAN TALKS TAKE PLACE IN NICOSIA, DE CUELLAR
WILL ASK NEGOTIATORS PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN WHETHER
THEY THINK THAT A POSITIVE SCENARIO MIGHT BE
CONSTRUCTED FOR A SIXTH ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS. NO ACTUAL POLITICAL SUBSTANCE WILL BE DISCUS-
SED IN HUMANITARIAN VENUE BUT UNSYG WOULD USE NEGOTIATORS
RESPONSES IN MAKING HIS DECISION ON CALLING NEW
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. EVEN THIS TINY STEP IS STILL
IN DOUBT BECAUSE, WHILE MAKARIOS HAS AGREED IN
PRINCIPLE, DENKTASH HAS NOT GIVEN "FINAL OK" TO
INFORMAL APPROACHES BY DE CUELLAR.
GORGE EMPHASIZED THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING
ISSUE IN HUMANITARIAN TALKS WOULD BE TO "FIND HOW
TO GET TO RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS" NOT TO
REPLACE LATTER.

3. CHARGE INFORMED GORGE OF HABIB'S COMMENTS
TO GOC AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOV AS REPORTED REFTEL.
(FOR THOSE NOT ON DISTRIBUTION REFTEL THIS IS AS FOLLOWS:

"HABIB REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, SAID THAT WHOILE
WE STRONGLY FAVORED AN EARLY RETURN TO HIGH-LEVEL INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS, GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION WE FELT
THERE COULD BE REAL VALUE IN WORKING-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS
IN NICOSIA, WHICH WOULD NOT NEED TO PREJUDGE OUTCOME
OF OTHER, MORE POLITICAL ISSUES. HE SAID WE SUP-
PORTED WALDHEIM SUGGESTION AND HOPED THESE TALKS
COULD BEGIN IN AUGUST." GORGE SAID THAT HIS CONFIRMED
HIS SUPICION THAT GOC HAD SLIGHTLY MISINTERPRETED
HABIB REMARKS WHICH HE AGREED REFLECT ACTUAL SITUATION. AT
THE SAME TIME HE ASKED THAT WE REITERATE TO DEPT.
THE VERY LIMITED NATURE OF INTENDED NICOSIA DISCUS-
SION ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMPTION.
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